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"Conflict" Study Sessions To Be Continued



Mayor Beverly McAnally

By Kristi Stephens

Because several Romulus citizens have expressed concern about situations which may involve a conflict of interest on the part of various City officials, a special study session on the topic was held prior to the March 27 meeting of the Romulus City Council.

Attending the session was attorney William Beach, an acknowledged expert on the subject. Beach presented the City officials with a report titled "Conflict of Interest; Incompatibility of Offices; Ethics" and discussed examples of situations that would involve a conflict of interest or a misuse of public office, including:

- voting on any issue that involves direct personal interest;
- accepting money, goods, or services which would influence the official in the execution of his duties; and
- using a City vehicle for personal business or using City services (such as those performed by the Department of Public Works) for personal benefit.

Of special interest – in light of the fact that Mayor Beverly McAnally and several members of the Romulus City Council have attended the Board of Zoning Appeals hearings concerning Environmental Disposal Systems, Inc.'s hazardous-waste injection well – was Beach's statement that it is improper for anyone with appointive or other power

over the Board members either to attend the Board's meetings or to contact its members concerning a petitioner who has come before them. Such actions are improper because they can be construed as an attempt to influence the Board members' decision, and therefore create doubt in the mind of the public concerning the impartiality of the Board's action.

Later, during the "Chairman's Report" section of the regular City Council meeting, Councilman Randy Gear, who chaired the meeting in the absence of Mayor Pro Tem Mary Ann Banks, reported, "We have decided to have more meetings with the attorneys and also with different departments from around the City to put together some type of Conflict of Interest Policy."

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Also of interest at the March 27 Council meeting . . .

Mayor McAnally, City Councilmen Deny Accusations

As a preface to her report for the evening, Mayor Beverly McAnally commented on Mrs. Wandra Raspberry's "Letter to the Editor" which appeared in the March 17, 1995 edition of *The Romulus News*.

Among the allegations contained in the letter was a suggestion that both Mayor McAnally and Councilman Gear have accepted favors (including free air transportation and the use of a condominium) and large campaign donations from various businessmen who either may acquire or have already acquired a business interest in Romulus. McAnally admitted that she did accept the donations, but denied that there was anything illegal or improper in doing so, and also denied that she had accepted the alleged favors. To support her statements, the Mayor invited any citizen with questions concerning her actions to come to her office at City Hall, look at copies of her campaign-fund reports, and get their questions answered.

"I don't subscribe to the idea that an elected official has a private life and a public life," said McAnally. "When you take this responsibility, you give up your right to privacy. And if there are things that I have done incorrectly, or [if] I have been remiss, then I should correct that, and you have every right to bring that to my attention. So I welcome you to come in. I will try my very best to answer your

questions, and I'll try to do it as honestly as I can and provide you with whatever records."

Gear, too, denied that he had accepted any favors or otherwise conducted himself improperly.

Mrs. Raspberry's letter also alleged that Councilman Bill Wadsworth had constructed a pole barn on his property without following City ordinance requirements. Wadsworth told those in attendance that he doesn't even have a pole barn, and further demonstrated his compliance with City ordinances by producing the various site plans and permits that he obtained when he built his home some years ago. He invited anyone who would like to examine those records to go to the City Clerk's office, where he would be leaving them for public perusal until the end of the week.

Transfer of Monies Denied

Mayor McAnally's request to transfer \$20,000 into the City's legal account, in order to "provide money for the current billings" of attorneys involved in the City's litigation against EDS, was denied when a motion supporting the transfer failed in a tie vote (with Council-

men Gear, Michael Prybyla, and Wadsworth voting in favor, and Councilmen Pete Bergeron, Ellis Pennington, and Jimmie Raspberry voting against it).

Millage Proposal

City Council asked for more information to help its members decide whether or not the City should participate in a Wayne County Transit Authority millage proposal that would call for Romulus residents to pay an additional three-tenths of a mill in property tax, over the next three years, for mass-transit services. According to Mayor McAnally's report, the City's participation in this program – which would reap about \$100,000 for Transit Authority coffers – would not lead to an increase in mass-transit services (currently limited to a single bus route along Middlebelt Road for people going to and from Metro Airport). The only benefit that the City would be likely to enjoy would be a doubling of the \$17,000 "municipal credit" amount currently used by the City to finance the Romulus Senior Center's minibus.

Council is expected to vote on the issue at its April 3 meeting. □

Bill Would Require Parolees To Get GED

Prisoners with a minimum sentence term of two years or more would be required to have a high-school diploma or a GED (General Education Diploma) certificate before receiving parole under House Bill 4206, sponsored by Representative Greg Pitoniak (D-Taylor). The bill has already passed the House.

"This legislation will help assure that prisoners within the State prison system are educated enough when they leave incarceration to become productive members of society," said Pitoniak. "Releasing inmates into society with basically the same skills they had when they came into prison forces many of them to return to what they know best – crime."

"At the present time, we spend anywhere from \$10,000 to \$30,000 a year to house one prisoner in our system. By releasing these prisoners back into society with basic skills, they will be able to gain self-respect, pride, and an opportunity to gain employment and stay out of jail. In

the long run, the citizens of Michigan will benefit from reduced crime and a prison system that is less costly to them as taxpayers."

Under the bill, prisoners who have learning disabilities, lack proficiency in English, or are unable to meet the requirement through no fault of their own would not be required to meet the mandate. Pitoniak's bill would also compel the Michigan Department of Corrections to provide an English language course to prisoners who lack basic language proficiency so that they can meet the mandate.

"Spending money now, up front, to educate these prisoners who are ready to go on parole makes sense," Pitoniak said. "Educating them will be a worthwhile investment in the long run and save money down the road."

As passed by the House, the bill's requirements would only be imposed on prisoners sentenced after the effective date of the legislation. □

The Editor's Opinion

Ground Rules Needed To Protect *Everyone's* Right To Free Speech at Public Meetings

By Kristi Stephens

"We're running a circus down here," exclaimed Councilman Ellis Pennington at the March 27 City Council meeting. "I think that every citizen of this city should be allowed to express their opinion . . . under [the item of] 'discussion' . . . [but] at no time should the audience be allowed to applaud or 'boo' . . . I believe in giving every person in this city the right to protest, but I don't think that the City Hall Council Chambers is the place to do it." Pennington's remarks concerned his belief that the disruptive quality of recent Council meetings has hampered the Council's ability to conduct its business in a manner that represents the best interests of all. To remedy the situation, he has asked his fellow Council members to consider adopting and enforcing a "rules of conduct" policy.

We at *The Romulus News* agree wholeheartedly with Councilman Pennington's request. We, too, have heard complaints from many residents who say that they no longer watch the televised Council meetings because of the rude, disruptive behavior often displayed by the audience . . . and sometimes exhibited by our mayor and some councilpersons as well.

It's a shame that a single controversy has turned our city's public meetings into shouting matches full of interruption, inconsideration, and innuendo. A representative government, by its very nature, is always fraught with differences of opinion; thankfully, such differences don't usually result in all-out war between the two (or more) factions involved. If they did, nothing would ever be accomplished, because the same two groups that disagree on one issue today may have to work together tomorrow to support another issue that both agree upon.

Sadly, the hostile atmosphere at our public meetings has begun affecting our elected officials' ability to work together to perform their duties. Something must be done to reverse this trend and reestablish our public meetings as a forum where all citizens are equally and fairly represented, and where disagreements can be ironed out to the benefit of the community as a whole.

As Councilman Pennington clearly stated, establishing rules of conduct to minimize disruptions that interfere with the discussion and execution of public business – rules which would return order, civility, and mutual respect for each other's rights to our public meetings – need not infringe upon anyone's civil rights. Our precious right to free speech is not, contrary to what some

people seem to believe, a freedom that can be exercised without restraint (and if you don't believe me, ask an attorney – or, better yet, grab your teenager's civics textbook and look it up for yourself). The reason for limiting that freedom is simple: Irresponsible speech can infringe upon the rights of others, and thereby makes a mockery of the very principle that its abusers attempt to hide behind.

As with all of our liberties, the right to free speech must be exercised with judgment. We're not asking that *anyone* – regardless of whether they live in Romulus, or whether they are American citizens (even aliens enjoy freedom of speech in the United States) – be denied their right to voice their views and concerns at a public meeting. All we want is a policy that clearly establishes when and how that right should be exercised so that everyone has a fair chance to be heard without interruption and without intimidation . . . and that such a policy, once established, be *firmly* enforced by the chairman of the meeting. Failure to enforce the rules in a well-meant but misguided attempt to protect everyone's right to free speech only results in an infringement of the rights of others.

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On a different subject . . .

Praise to Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) Chairman Norman McLenon for his conduct of the hearings at which Environmental Disposal Systems, Inc. (EDS) has presented its case concerning the zoning of its injection-well site. Thankfully, the Chairman's conduct has been the exact opposite of that of BZA member Stanley Kreft, who has used his power to question witnesses for information as a thin disguise for a hostile attack riddled with anti-EDS propaganda. (Gee, Mr. Kreft, why didn't you just stay at home instead of attending all those long meetings? You had obviously made up your mind before the first meeting was well underway.)

Mr. McLenon has refused to allow the hearings to be reduced to a mini courtroom drama where opposing attorneys vie to score points off of one another by splitting the finest of legal hairs; rather, he has consistently given both sides a fair opportunity to give their arguments and defend them to the best of their ability. Regardless of how Mr. McLenon eventually casts his vote, the citizens of Romulus can feel confident that he approached his duties with an open mind and was therefore able to base his decision on his own best judgment of *all* the evidence. □



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Lansing Update**For the Week of March 27, 1995****By State Representative Greg Pitoniak
Democratic Task Force on Ethics and
Campaign Finance Reform Named**

House Democratic Leader Curtis Hertel (D-Detroit) appointed a 14-member group to the new Democratic Task Force on Government Ethics and Campaign Finance Reform. Conflict of interest, lobbyist regulation, and campaign finance limits will be among the topics to be explored by the task force, which starts its work this week. The first meeting of the 14-member group was held at Macomb County Community College. One primary goal to accomplish is to rebuild public trust in government. Financial disclosure as well as conflict of interest for elected officials, fair campaign practices, and campaign contribution limits are some of the additional areas to be covered by the group.

Lottery Bill Would Increase Prize Payout

Bigger prizes and more winning tickets could be in store for lottery players under a new bill (House Bill 4662), heading through the State Legislature this week. Lottery officials want a change in the law, which currently limits winnings to about 45% of ticket sales. Under the bill, 45% would be the new *minimum* payout. The changes, if approved by the Legislature, would initially start with instant ticket games only. Michigan is looking at the change because of the payout in other states, which runs up to 80% on instant tickets.

House Democratic Leader Blasts Unemployment Cuts

House Democratic Leader Curtis Hertel is outraged at the hypocrisy of the unemployment benefit cuts rammed through the House of Representatives by Republicans. Representative Hertel points out that this is solely a punitive move against the working families of Michigan. The current balance of the State's unemployment trust fund is a *surplus of nearly \$1 billion* - and that is projected to double in two years. Representative Hertel questioned the reasoning behind this decision to cut benefits. With the State's economy and revenues strong, and after providing tax cuts to individuals, is there truly a need to take money from a Michigan working family in a time of need, when they could use it the most?

Concerns Lead Democrats To Just Say "No" To Sale of Vaccine Lab

Democratic lawmakers fear that a proposed deal to transfer the State vaccine lab to a private company would cost Michigan royalty money and leave children vulnerable. The company is

**Representative Greg Pitoniak**

working toward building a facility near Lansing's Capitol City Airport to handle vaccine production under the planned sale. Democratic lawmakers said the transfer would cause the State to lose research and development investment of more than \$160 million, as well as to give up future royalties of millions a year. Legislators have been denied access to vital information about the potential agreement with the European company. Michigan citizens spent millions of dollars over the years building a world-class vaccine lab that is getting results. To simply hand it over to the private sector is a huge and costly mistake. The agreement threatens Michigan's historic obligation to provide free immunizations to the State's children. Our citizens have never had to worry during periodic vaccine shortages. With this sale, they may have cause to worry.

Big Tree Hunt Slated As Part Of Arbor Day Celebration

The Department of Natural Resources, in cooperation with the Michigan Arbor Day Alliance, will sponsor a Big Tree Hunt as part of this year's Statewide Arbor Day celebration. Arbor week is April 23-29, with April 28 designated as Arbor Day in Michigan. The Big Tree Hunt contest is a search for the largest trees in Michigan cities, villages, or townships. Prizes will be awarded for the largest tree found in each county and in the State, as well as for the largest White Pine, Michigan's state tree. □

Noise Demo House To Open

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As the Noise Mitigation Program for Wayne County's Detroit Metropolitan Airport moves forward, residents who live within certain noise-impacted areas will have an important decision to make: If I select sound insulation over property acquisition or purchase assurance, will I be happy with the results?

To help residents make that important choice, Wayne County will open a Noise Demonstration House sometime next month. The home was purchased as part of DTW's noise impact property acquisition program and will be sound insulated according to the specifications established by Federal Aviation Regulation (FAR) Part 150.

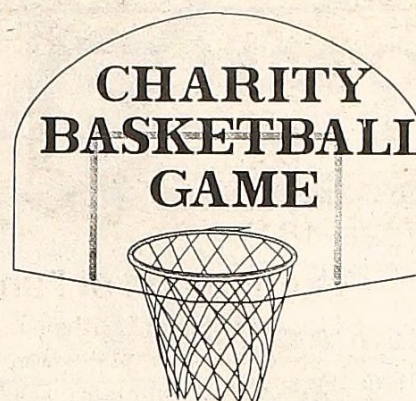
The house, located on the border of Romulus and Huron Township at 32629 Pennsylvania Road, will be equipped

with a parking lot for visitors. Sound insulation will include acoustical windows and doors and insulation in the attic. The home already had air conditioning when it was purchased by Wayne County.

Qualified residents will have the opportunity to visit the house while departing aircraft are flying overhead and determine for themselves whether or not they would be satisfied living in a noise-impacted area with a sound insulated house — or if they would prefer another option.

"It's one thing to try to explain the benefits of sound insulation over the telephone," said Metro Airport Noise Office Manager Sean Brosnan. "It's another to actually demonstrate it."

Qualified homeowners will be sent an information packet containing a map to the noise house and a phone number to call to schedule attendance at a demonstration session. □



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Recreation News

Many thanks to Brian Hitsky, director of the Romulus Department of Parks and Recreation, and Keith Brothers and Gayle Mach, Department staff members, for contributing information to this issue's "Recreation News" column.

For more information about these or other Recreation programs, please stop in at the Recreation office (36515 Bibbins) or call 942-6852.

Easter Egg-citement!

The Romulus Recreation Department's annual Easter Egg Hunt for Romulus youngsters ages two to nine will be held at 11 a.m. sharp on Saturday, April 15, at Elmer Johnson Park (located on Ozga Road). No registration is required to participate in this free event, which features Easter-basket prizes and lots of candy-filled eggs, plus an appearance by the Easter Bunny himself.

Separate egg-hunt areas will be established for each age group (age two to three, age four to five, age six to seven, and age eight to nine). Youngsters should be provided with their own egg-gathering basket or bag.

Kids' Crafts

Children of all ages are invited to attend the Romulus Recreation Department's Arts and Crafts Day, scheduled for Saturday, April 8, beginning at 10 a.m. (Youngsters age eight and under must be accompanied by an adult.) Projects will include: (1) blowing out an egg and decorating it, and (2) constructing daffodils and carnations. (Since the Department has a limited supply of glue guns, staff members are asking that participants bring their own mini glue gun if possible; glue sticks will be supplied for all.)

The sign-up deadline is Thursday, April 6; a cost of \$3.50 per child must be paid at the time of registration.

Kids' Theater

On Thursday, April 20, the Romulus Recreation Department will be taking interested youngsters to see a live performance of *Heidi*, the classic Swiss tale of a kind, loving little girl who brightened many lives. (The bus leaves the Recreation Building at 1:15 p.m. and returns at approximately 4:30 p.m.) A \$7-per-child charge covers a ticket to the show and transportation to Northville's Marquis Theatre. Advance registration is required; call the Recreation Office for details.

An Afternoon of Fun

Kids eight to 13 can join their friends for an afternoon of fun at the Romulus Recreation Center on Friday, April 21, from 1 to 3 p.m. Planned activities include playing pool, ping-pong, cards, and board games, as well as watching a movie and working on arts-and-crafts projects. Cost is \$1 per child; preregister by April 19.

Jazz and Tap

The Downriver Conservatory of Dance Arts provides professional dance instruction in jazz and tap dancing every Tuesday at Halecreek School. Classes offered are: Jazz (ages five and six) – 5 to 5:30 p.m.; Jazz (ages seven to nine) – 6 to 6:45 p.m.; Tap (ages five and six) – 5:30 to 6 p.m.; and Tap (ages seven to nine) – 6:45 to 7:30 p.m. Fees range from \$3 to \$3.50, depending upon the class; there is also a one-time \$2 registration fee. All fees must be paid in cash before each class.

Karate Lessons

Both kids (age seven and over) and adults are welcome to participate in the Romulus Recreation Department's Karate program, taught by Lee McElwaney, a world-certified instructor who is a fifth Dan Isshin Ryu and a fourth Dan Tae Kwon Do. Instruction in Isshin Ryu, Tae Kwon Do, Jiu Jitsu, and Kung Fu focuses on self-defense and everyday self-protection. Classes are held from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays (beginning April 4) at Barth School. Full payment (\$10 per student) and a signed permission slip (for minors) are required at sign-up; preregister prior to April 4.

Beginning Keyboard

Instructor Sandra Patillo will teach a six-week course of basic keyboard skills on Tuesdays (beginning April 4) from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Preregistration is required; cost of \$30 per pupil must be paid at sign-up. Class size is limited to seven youngsters; additional time slots may be added.

Orchestra Forming

All Romulus musicians are welcome to participate in the now-forming Romulus Community Orchestra, which plans to perform concerts, assist students in the appreciation of music, and add to the cultural climate of Romulus. Rehearsals will be held in the Romulus High School auditorium at 7 p.m. every Wednesday beginning April 26. For more

information, call the Recreation Office or Mr. Edward Kesner (942-9095).

Drop-in Hoops

For Kids . . .

Romulus Middle School and High School youngsters can drop in to show their stuff at the basketball court at the Merriman School gym through a program being sponsored by the Romulus Recreation Department.

The program – which runs every Monday night from 5:30 p.m. through 7:30 p.m. for Middle School youngsters and from 7:30 p.m. through 9:30 p.m. for High School students – is open only to Romulus students with valid school identification cards. Cost to each participant is \$1 per session.

. . . And Adults

Adults wishing to participate in open basketball can play every Tuesday from 6 to 8 p.m. at Romulus Middle School (37300 Wick Road). Cost is \$2 per session for each adult participant.

Adult Softball

Monday, April 10, is the last day that men's and women's teams can register for the Romulus Recreation Department's adult softball program, which begins play in May.

Plans call for a total of four men's leagues and one women's league to be formed. Men can choose to play on either Monday/Wednesday nights, Friday nights, or Sunday afternoons. (There will be two Friday leagues.) Women will compete on Monday/Wednesday nights. Teams participating in the Monday/Wednesday and Sunday leagues play an 18-game schedule; Friday teams take part in a total of 14 contests. All games will be held at Elmer Johnson Park (Ozga Road), which features two lighted softball diamonds.

The team fee for participating in the men's Monday/Wednesday league is \$525; teams that wish to play on Friday and Sunday will pay \$500. Women's teams will pay \$400.

For more information, call Keith at the Recreation Office.

Golf Lessons

Openings remain for children or adults interested in beginning or intermediate golf lessons, which will begin the first week of May. Students can choose between Tuesday and Wednesday lessons; the 45-minute classes (limited to groups of five students each) will be given at Par Driving Range (31825

Ecorse Road) beginning at 7 p.m. Ample golf balls for practice are provided. Total cost for the five-week program is \$45 per student; preregistration (through the Romulus Recreation Office) is required.

Walk Michigan

Romulus children and adults who join the Romulus Recreation Center's 1995 Walk Michigan program will not only be improving their health and fitness, but will also be giving themselves an opportunity to win a Labor Day Weekend trip for two to Mackinac Island! (Must participate in a minimum of four walks to be eligible for the trip.) This free, noncompetitive program will kick off with a walk at the Romulus Senior Park on May 8 (6 p.m.); other scheduled walks at the Park include May 23 (6 p.m.), June 7 (11:30 a.m.), June 21 (11:30 a.m.), and July 25 (6 p.m.). Call the Recreation Office for more information.

Park Reservations

The Romulus Recreation Department has begun accepting park reservations for the 1995 spring and summer season. Reservations for the City's seven parks (Elmer Johnson, Kennedy, the Senior Park, the Historic Park, Park #1, Cypress, Fernandez, and Merriman) may be made on a first-come, first-served basis.

Pavilion rental at Elmer Johnson Park is \$50 for a commercial activity or \$35 for a noncommercial event. There are also fees for the rental of softball fields and/or various play equipment.

Job Opportunities

The Romulus Recreation Department has part-time job opportunities available during its spring and summer season.

The Department is looking for scorekeepers and recreation supervisors and assistants to oversee youngsters participating in summer Recreation programs.

Scorekeepers keep track of the results of various night adult softball games held at Elmer Johnson Park. Applicants must be at least 16 years old. The pay rate is \$6 per game. Games usually last one hour.

Recreation supervisors should have experience working with youngsters. The position pays \$5.50 per hour. Supervisors are needed to work five days per week for seven weeks in the summer, starting in July.

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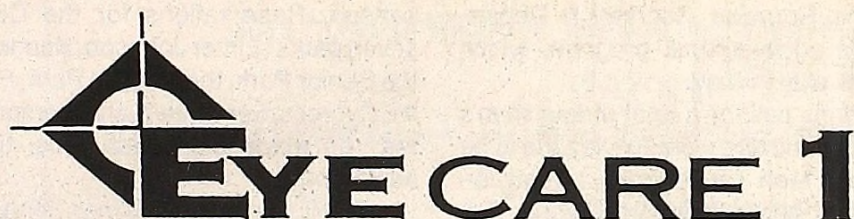
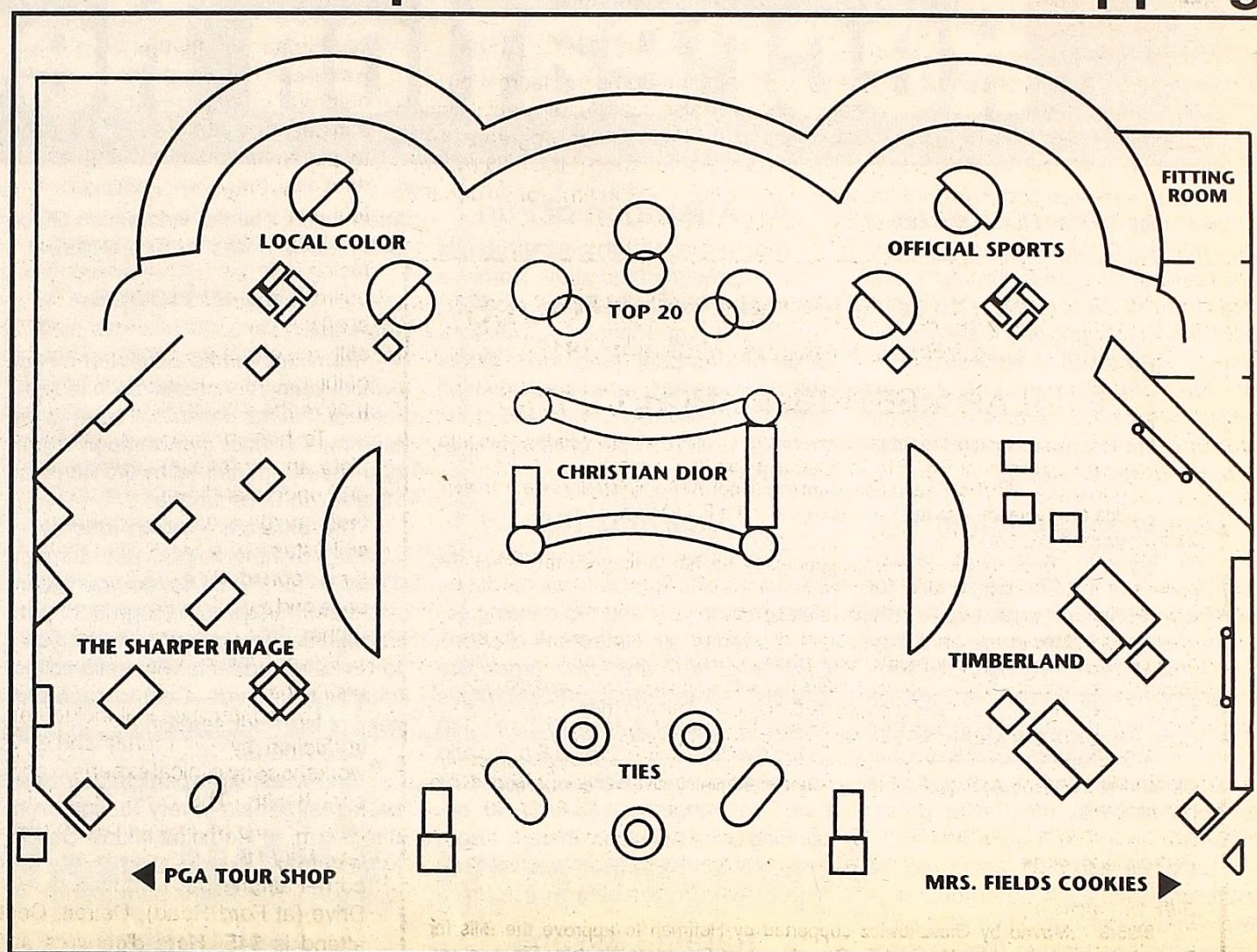
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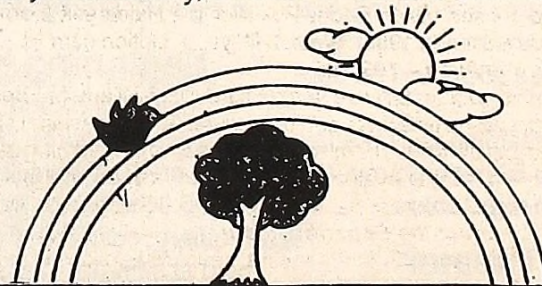
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RECREATION NEWS

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Anyone interested in applying for a position with the Romulus Recreation Department should fill out an application at the City of Romulus Personnel Department at Romulus City Hall, 11111 South Wayne Road, near Goddard.

More details about any of these jobs may be obtained by calling the

Recreation Department.

Call the Hotline!

Since the Romulus Recreation Department also schedules special activities as well as regular programs, it's a good idea to check the Recreation Hotline from time to time for an update. Call 941-6064. □

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REGULAR MEETING, MARCH 13, 1995

The Regular Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held on Monday, March 13, 1995 was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by President Sandra F. Langley.

Roll call showed Mr. Pat Patterson absent (excused). All Administrators were present. Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Sandra F. Langley.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

3/95/1 Moved by Oleszkowicz supported by Kesner to approve the Agenda as presented. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

3/95/2 Moved by Gondek supported by Hoffman to approve the Minutes of February 21, 1995 as presented and to correct the Minutes of February 27, 1995 as follows: Under "Houston Visit - Back to Basics," delete the last sentence as Dr. Bedell did not view the video with the Board of Education. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS AND EXPRESSIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:

A member of the audience questioned the revision of the sex education curriculum. Dr. Terrel M. LeCesne, Assistant Superintendent for Administrative Services, responded to her questions.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

Personnel Actions

None.

Bills for Payment

3/95/3 Moved by Oleszkowicz supported by Hoffman to approve the Bills for Payment as presented by Mr. Joel R. Carr, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Declaration of Surplus Equipment

3/95/4 Moved by Kesner supported by Gondek to declare three Logan lathes located at the High School surplus and instruct the Business Department to offer them for sale. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Middle School Report

Mr. Daniel Hurst, Principal, Romulus Middle School, updated the Board of Education on the programs being offered at the Middle School and responded to questions by members of the Board.

High School Offerings

Scott Smith and Ameriah Kalifa explained Domestic Violence Symposium to the Board of Education that is being held on March 29, 1995.

3/95/5 Moved by Oleszkowicz supported by Gondek that the Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and acknowledge receipt of the 1995-96 High School curriculum offerings. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Field Trip - Halecreek

3/95/6 Moved by Berlinn supported by Hoffman that the Board of Education approve the proposed trip to Cedar Point for the Halecreek Elementary School Safety Squad on Friday, June 9, 1995. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Evaluation Procedures - 1994-95

In response to the Board's instruction, Dr. William M. Bedell, Superintendent, reviewed the proposed time lines and procedures for professional staff evaluations for the rest of this year and all of next. He also attached a time line, administrative evaluation forms, a book sharing our teacher evaluation procedures, and an analysis of tenure prepared by Donna Nuyen from the law firm of Keller, Thoma, Schwarze, Schwarze, DuBay and Katz.

Items of Interest from the Superintendent

Dr. William M. Bedell, Superintendent, shared the following items of interest with the Board of Education: 1) Legislative Report; 2) Congresswoman Rivers - "Thanks"; 3) MEAP Certificates of Recognition; and 4) Verification Form for School Improvement.

Questions and/or Concerns of Board Members

Mrs. Judie Gondek and Mrs. Julie Oleszkowicz discussed the legislative meeting that they attended relative to the revision in the State Code. They stated that we need folks to help us lobby the legislature. Mr. Carr supported their concerns.

Mr. Howard Kesner stated that the five-year plan should be revisited every year.

Mrs. Sandra F. Langley stated that Mr. Al Post, reporter from *The Romulus Roman*, has requested to meet with two or three Board Members at a time.

ADJOURNMENT:

3/95/7 Moved by Oleszkowicz supported by Hoffman that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth E. Berlinn, Secretary
Romulus Board of Education

Teen Girls' Problems Addressed

Today's young women are trying to cope in a world that is different than it was a generation ago. Junior-high students face drugs, alcohol, guns, sex, and peer pressure - all factors that lead to plummeting self-esteem and academic performance, especially among teenage girls.

In fact, the number of teenage girls facing pregnancy, drug abuse, suicide, bulimia, and anorexia nervosa is rising at an alarming rate. Girls are losing their self-esteem at a young age and never gaining it back. They're not neurotics - they're the mainstream.

To help parents, teachers, therapists, and professionals gain insight into and understanding of the problems of teenage girls and their struggle with self-esteem, the Taylor Teen Health Center is sponsoring a professional conference and a public lecture featuring Mary Pipher, Ph.D., the author of *Reviving Ophelia: Saving the Selves of Adolescent Girls*.

The conference will include an introduction by Dr. Pipher and several workshops by clinical experts in adolescent health. The conference will run from 12:30 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. on Thursday, May 18, at the Holiday Inn-Dearborn-Fairlane, 5801 Southfield Service Drive (at Ford Road), Detroit. Cost to attend is \$45. Hors d'oeuvres and a

book signing will follow. Advanced registration is required.

Pipher's lecture will begin at 7:30 p.m. at the same location. Tickets for the lecture are \$10 and may be purchased at the door or in advance. Seating is limited to 250.

For lecture tickets, to register for the conference, or for more information, call (313) 374-2273.

The Taylor Teen Center is a not-for-profit organization, located in the City of Taylor, that provides affordable medical services, health education, and counseling to young people in downriver and Western Wayne County communities. It is funded in part by the Michigan Department of Public Health and is affiliated with Oakwood Hospital Heritage Center - Taylor.

Dr. Pipher is a clinical psychologist in private practice. Her work combines her training in the fields of psychology and anthropology. Her special area of interest is how American culture effects the mental health of its women.

Dr. Pipher has authored two books, *Hunger Pains: The American Women's Tragic Quest for Thinness* and *Reviving Ophelia: Saving the Selves of Adolescent Girls*. She has appeared on *Oprah*, *The Today Show*, and national Public Radio's *Fresh Air*. She writes editorials, book reviews, and short fiction. □

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Warm Weather=Tornado Threat

By Margaret Leduc, Coordinator, City of Romulus Emergency Management Department

Northern Michigan was hit hardest by tornadoes last year, according to information released recently by the National Weather Service. In fact, every county in the State has experienced at least one twister since 1950. During 1994, 11 tornadoes struck Michigan; fortunately, no one died as a result.

Tornadoes occurred in Clare, Crawford, Jackson, Kalkaska, Lenawee, Livingston, Missaukee, Montcalm, Ogemaw, Osceola, and Washtenaw counties, causing \$1.5 million in damage or destroyed property.

To focus attention on tornado safety planning, Governor John Engler has declared March 26 through April 1 as Severe Weather Awareness Week in Michigan. The Michigan Committee for Severe Weather Awareness encourages residents to practice their "just-in-case" procedure for tornado warnings.

Tornadoes generally develop from severe thunderstorms. Although not all severe thunderstorms spawn tornadoes, twisters are more likely to occur when there is unseasonable warm and humid air at the earth's surface and cold air at the middle atmospheric levels, with strong upper-level jet stream winds. In Michigan, these conditions are more likely to occur in the spring, according to officials from the National Weather Service.

Annually, Michigan experiences an average of 16 tornadoes. Since 1950, 237 persons have been killed by twisters here. Tornadoes can hit any time of the day or night in almost any month of the year. Most, however, occur in April, May, June, and July, during the late afternoon and evening hours, generally between 3 and 7 p.m.

Since tornadoes develop and move rapidly, Michiganders should familiarize themselves with the various severe weather alerts. When a *tornado watch* is announced, residents should gather a first-aid kit, flashlight, and portable radio. They should stay tuned to local radio and television stations and be ready to take shelter. A watch means that conditions are right for development of a tornado.

A *tornado warning* means that a tornado has been sighted nearby and everyone in the area should take action. Go immediately to the basement, taking cover under something sturdy. If there isn't a basement, move to the lowest floor possible, in a small room or closet. Again, stay low and, if possible, under a heavy object. Stay away from windows.

At work or school, if a basement is not available, move to an interior hallway on the lowest floor possible. Avoid rooms with a large, free-span roof, like gymnasiums. If caught in the open during a tornado warning, seek shelter in a ditch, ravine, or other place below ground level and stay as low as possible. □

Tornado Safety Tips

Preparing for a tornado

- Have emergency supplies on hand during tornado season.
- Keep a battery-operated radio, a flashlight, and fresh batteries in a convenient place.
- Know the location of designated shelter areas in public facilities. Most schools, public buildings, and shopping centers have such areas.
- Make an inventory of household furnishings and other possessions. Supplement the written inventory with photographs of each room. Keep inventories and records in a safe deposit box or some other safe place away from the premises.
- Plan ahead. Be sure everyone in your household knows in advance where to go and what to do in case of a tornado warning.

What to do whenever a tornado threatens

- Stay away from doors, windows, and outside walls. Protect your head. *Do not open windows.*
- In homes and small buildings, go

to the basement or to an interior part on the lowest level. Get under something sturdy.

- In schools, hospitals, and public places, move to designated shelter areas. Interior hallways on the lowest floors are best.
- In mobile homes or vehicles, leave them and go to the nearest shelter. If there isn't a shelter close by, lie in the nearest ditch and shield your head with your arms.

After a tornado

- Inspect your property, including motor vehicles, for damage. Check for electrical problems and gas leaks and report it to the power company at once. If you have damage, contact your agent.
- Stay out of damaged buildings until you are sure they are safe and will not collapse.
- Secure your property from further damage or theft.
- Use only approved or chlorinated supplies of drinking water.
- Check food supplies. Some food may contain particles of glass or debris. □

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Tornado Facts

What is a tornado?

A tornado is a column of violently rotating winds extending down from a thunderstorm cloud and touching the surface of the earth.

What is the difference between a tornado and a funnel cloud?

A funnel cloud is also a column of violently rotating winds extending down from a thunderstorm; however, it does not touch the earth.

How many tornadoes usually occur in Michigan every year?

An average of 16 tornadoes occur in Michigan each year. Since 1950, 237 persons have been killed due to tornadoes. During this same time, Michigan has experienced 678 tornadoes.

When do tornadoes generally occur?

Most tornadoes occur during the months of April, May, June, and July in the late afternoon and evening hours. However, tornadoes can occur any time of the day or night in almost any month during the year.

How fast do tornadoes travel?

Most tornadoes travel from the southwest to the northeast and at an average speed of 30 miles per hour. However, some tornadoes have very erratic paths, with speeds approaching 70 miles per hour.

How fast are the winds inside a tornado?

Tornadoes generally rotate counter-clockwise. Typical Michigan tornadoes produce winds of 75-125 miles per hour. However, the Flint tornado of 1953 had winds well over 200 miles per hour.

At what time of year are tornadoes the most intense?

Tornadoes which develop from thunderstorms that occur early in the season have a tendency to be the most severe. **How far do tornadoes travel once they touch the ground?**

The average Michigan tornado is on the ground for less than 10 minutes and travels a distance of about five miles. However, they do not always follow the norm and have been known to stay on the ground for more than an

hour and travel more than 100 miles.

In what type of weather do tornadoes generally occur?

Tornadoes grow from severe thunderstorms that develop in very warm and humid air masses.

How does a tornado do so much damage?

Tornadoes do their destructive work through the combined action of strong rotary winds, flying debris, and the partial vacuum in their center.

What is a "tornado watch"?

A tornado/severe thunderstorm watch is issued whenever conditions exist for severe weather to develop. Watches are usually for large areas about two-thirds the size of lower Michigan and are usually two-to-six hours long. Watches give you time to plan and prepare. Persons in or near a watch area should place small objects inside which could become deadly missiles. During a watch, make sure the entire family is informed and that they know what to do if a tornado is sighted. Keep children under close supervision. Keep an eye to the sky and listen for later statements or warnings.

What is a "tornado warning"?

A tornado/severe weather warning is issued by the local Weather Service Office whenever a tornado or severe thunderstorm has actually been sighted or strongly indicated by radar. Warnings are for smaller areas, such as a portion of a county, and are usually 30 minutes to one hour in length. You must act immediately when you first hear the warning. If the severe weather is reported near you, seek shelter immediately. If not, keep a constant lookout for severe weather and stay near a shelter.

How do I find out about a warning if my electricity is already out?

In some areas, civil emergency sirens will be your first official warning. However, you may also receive weather warnings directly from the National Weather Service broadcast over NOAA Weather Radio, as long as you have a model with a battery backup. □

Dog Bites Affect Both Postal Carriers and Rate Payers

Now that the weather is warming up, many residents will be keeping their pets outdoors. When those pets are dogs that are not properly restrained, it can spell trouble for both the pet-owner and your neighborhood's mail carrier. Since the advent of door-to-door mail delivery in the late 1800s, thousands of the Nation's letter-carriers have heard well-intentioned homeowners exclaim, "Don't worry, my dog won't bite," just as the animal is tearing into the carrier's flesh.

Unfortunately, over the years, the dog/letter-carrier relationship has been joked about and laughed at while Postal customers bear the costs and dog-bite victims bear the often significant pain.

Every year, dog bites cost Postal customers millions of dollars for medical expenses and costs associated with replacing injured employees.

Although these costs to the Postal Service and its customers are measurable in dollars and cents, there is no way to calculate the pain and terror experienced by thousands of past and present letter-carriers. In many instances, these dog-bite victims have to resort to filing lawsuits to claim damages due to dog-owner negligence.

After a 1988 dog attack in Miami, Florida, the owners of two Irish Setters were ordered to pay \$274,850 to cover the medical expenses, pain, suffering, and lost work-time of a letter carrier who permanently injured her knee during an attack.

On September 26, 1992, a California letter-carrier was viciously mauled by seven dogs owned by one of her customers. Her ordeal started immediately after she had delivered mail to the residence. One of the dogs burst through a screen door, viciously pulled her to the

ground, and bit her repeatedly. Six other dogs from the same household joined the brutal attack. The carrier was bitten 28 times on one arm before the owner was able to pull the animals off. The carrier spent two days in the hospital, incurring medical bills in excess of \$5,000. Postal officials called the attack the worst in recent memory.

As a result of the attack, mail service to residents in the immediate area was affected. The Postal Service stopped delivery to all addresses on the block. Delivery did not resume until the dogs were removed from the area.

To a large extent, the pain, suffering, and mail-service disruptions attributed to dog attacks are preventable. If a letter-carrier's safety is considered threatened by a loose or otherwise uncontrolled or vicious dog, mail service can be delayed or withheld.

As responsible community residents and caring citizens, dog owners are encouraged to properly restrain their animals at all times.

Keeping a dog on an appropriately strong leash or tether, in a fenced yard, or inside the house during normal mail-delivery hours will reduce the problem of dogs attacking letter-carriers as well as meter readers and others who, as part of their job, visit households regularly.

Pet-owners who get mail delivery through a doorway mail slot should keep pets from entrance ways during normal delivery hours.

A safe delivery environment goes a long way in helping the Postal Service accomplish its daily task of moving the Nation's mail, and helps the Postal Service continue its tradition of providing the lowest postal rates and best postal services in the industrialized world. □

Community Calendar

- **Fish Dinners Raise Funds at St. Paul's** – St. Paul's Evangelical Church (corner of Ellis and Craig streets in New Boston) is sponsoring fish-dinner fund-raisers from 5 to 7 p.m. every Friday through April 14. The menu will feature deep-fried fish and French-fried potatoes/baked fish and scalloped potatoes, plus all -you-can-eat cole slaw, rolls, macaroni and jello salads, dessert, and beverages. Carry-out available. Cost is \$6 for adults, \$4 for kids age five to 11.
- **Don't Be Victimized!** – The Romulus Recreation Department and instructor Lee McElwaney will host two final Saturday-morning workshops (April 1 and April 8) to teach women and men a common-sense approach to self-protection that includes techniques to prevent mugging/rape attacks. Total cost for the workshops, which run from 9 to 11 a.m., is \$5. Preregister at the Recreation Office (36515 Bibbins). For information, call 942-6852.
- **Police/Flyers Charity Basketball Game** – The Romulus Flyers Coaching Staff will face the Romulus Police Department in a benefit basketball game to raise money for Romulus Little League Football. The contest is slated for Friday, April 7, at Romulus Middle School (Romulus Junior High School). Doors open at 7:15 p.m.; a "three-point shoot-out" is set for 7:30 p.m.; and game time is 8 p.m. sharp. Raffles, prizes, and refreshments will be added attractions. Tickets (available at the door) are \$2 for age 14 and over; \$1 for ages six to 13. Children five and under will be admitted at no charge.
- **Great Marshmallow Drop** – Forget the robins and groundhogs – departing Old Man Winter has a sweet tooth. One last blizzard will put him to rest for keeps on Friday, April 14, when a storm of 20,000 marshmallows will fall from the sky (actually, from a helicopter) at two Wayne County Parks locations, much to the delight of hundreds of waiting children who will then scramble to collect the treats and turn them in for prize-filled eggs. An Easter-egg hunt alternative developed by the County, the Great Marshmallow Drop will take place in Elizabeth Park (Trenton) at 9 a.m. and at Nankin Mills (Westland) at 11 a.m. (Note: In case of inclement weather, a rain date of Saturday, April 15, has been set.)
- **Arthritis Self-help Course** – An American Arthritis Foundation arthritis self-help course will be offered in the conference room at Oakwood Hospital Seaway Center – Trenton from 3 to 5 p.m. each Thursday from May 4 to June 8. The course will cover basic information about arthritis, strategies for decreasing pain, relaxation techniques, exercises, facts about arthritis medications and their effects, good nutritional habits, methods of heat and cold applications, and problem-solving techniques. Course fee is \$20 for participants and \$5 for significant others (without book). Preregistration is required and seating is limited. To register, call the Metro Detroit office of the American Arthritis Foundation at (313) 350-3030.
- **A Chorus Line** – The Huron Civic Theatre will present *A Chorus Line*, the longest-running musical on Broadway, at the Huron Civic Auditorium (32044 Huron River Drive, New Boston) from May 5–7 and May 12–14. Curtain times are 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays; Sundays at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$9 for adults; \$8 for senior citizens/students. Call 782-5380 or 654-0167 for more information.
- **St. Aloysius Registration** – St. Aloysius Catholic School – which offers a full curriculum for grades kindergarten through eight, taught by Michigan-certified instructors – will be having its "new family" registration for the 1995–1996 school year. For more information, or to set up an appointment, please call 941-3340.

To place information in the Community Calendar, mail it to "the little paper" at P.O. Box 74038, Romulus, MI 48174-0038; FAX it to us at 941-4874; or call 941-1907 or 941-3113

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Home & Sport Show
McMorran Place, Port Huron
(810-985-6166)
- Through April 2
Northwest Michigan Camper & RV Show
Howe Arena, Traverse City
(800-422-6478)
- April 1 and 2
Central Michigan University "Pow Wow"
CMU Campus, Finch Fieldhouse, Mt. Pleasant
(517-774-3945)
- April 7 through 9
Kiwanis Home & Garden Show and Pancake Festival
Ruth Butler Building, U.P. State Fairgrounds, Escanaba
(906-786-5956)
- April 7 through 9
Midland Home and Garden Show
Civic Arena, Midland
(517-835-2562)
- April 8
Easter Eggstravaganza
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(616-673-2479)
- April 8
Easter Eggstravaganza
Downtown, Mt. Pleasant
(517-773-1074)

Sassy Seniors

By Mary E. Clark

Special thanks to Marilyn Hoffer, Senior Citizens Coordinator for the City of Romulus, and Barbara Schultz, Romulus Senior Center staff member, for contributing information to this issue's "Sassy Seniors" column. (Call 942-6852 for more information about events at the Romulus Senior Center, 36515 Bibbins.)

Tax Service Continues

Now through April 12, volunteers will be available (by appointment only) at the Romulus Senior Center each Wednesday from 1 to 4 p.m. to assist low- and middle-income senior citizens residing in Romulus with the preparation of their Federal and State 1040, home heating, prescription, and property-tax forms. A list of the materials which must be brought to the appointment will be provided at the time of registration.

Special Trips

Seniors interested in more information about these or other trips planned by the Romulus Senior Center may contact Marilyn Hoffer at 942-6852.

- **"Dinnertainment"** – A buffet luncheon followed by a theatrical production of *Ruthless* is the "dinnertainment" fare which will be offered at "Gramma Rose's" on this one-day bus tour. Also featured will be a stop at Ken's flower shop—27,000 square feet of fresh and silk flowers, plus a bakery, ice-cream shop, deli, wine department, and more. Cost of the trip – which departs at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, April 26, and returns at 4:30 p.m. – is \$47.
- **Amish Flea Market** – A stop for lunch at Das Dutchman Essenhaus for a real Amish family-style meal is planned when Romulus seniors take a day-trip to Shipshewana, Indiana, to visit an Amish flea market. The tour bus will depart at 7:45 a.m. on Wednesday, June 14, and return at approximately 8 p.m.
- **Mackinac Island's Grand Hotel** – Spend three days/two nights at the beautiful, historic Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island! The \$305 cost of the trip (based on double occupancy), which departs October 24, covers round-trip motorcoach transportation; a round-trip ticket for the ferry; a carriage tour ride; a visit to Fort Mackinac State Park with a special guide and program; Island taxi service to and from the dock; golf, croquet, and bocce ball tournaments; and special events like dancing, movies, a banquet, early-bird

walks, bingo, card socials, historic slide presentations, a sing-a-long, and much more! This trip fills up fast, so sign up soon to reserve your space for an opportunity to enjoy Michigan's jewel – Mackinac Island.

Free Blood-pressure Screening

Romulus seniors can have their blood pressure checked by Community Emergency Medical Service (CEMS), free of charge, at the Romulus Senior Center on the first Monday (second Monday if the first falls on a holiday) of every month from 1 to 2 p.m. The next scheduled date is April 3. No appointment is necessary.

Personal Transportation Service

The Romulus Senior Center has developed a personalized transportation program for senior citizens who have no other vehicle available to them. For a fee of \$1, seniors can arrange to be transported anywhere within the City limits (boundaries: Van Born, Inkster, Pennsylvania, and Hannan roads) in order to conduct personal affairs such as doctor appointments, banking, or shopping, and then be returned to their home. In addition, the program will encourage seniors to stop off at the Senior Center to participate in the Wayne County Nutritional Services Hot Lunch program.

The transportation service is available on Thursdays between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. only, so Senior Center staff member Barbara Schultz advises seniors who wish to take advantage of the program to call and reserve their desired time slot as far in advance as possible.

For more information, call Barbara (942-6852).

Weekly Programs

The Romulus Senior Center has a full schedule of weekly programs for senior citizens' enjoyment. Come in on your own or bring a friend for ceramics (Mondays at 1 and 6 p.m.); Club #1 meetings (Tuesdays at 11 a.m.); pinocle (Tuesdays at 1 p.m.); BINGO (Wednesdays at 1 p.m.); knitting, crocheting, and canvas needlepoint (Thursdays at 9:30 a.m.); euchre (Thursdays at 1 p.m.); and/or quilting (Thursdays at 7 p.m.).

Hot Lunch

For only \$1.50, Romulus seniors (age 60 and over) can enjoy a delicious hot lunch at the Romulus Senior Center every weekday at 11:30 a.m. Call Pat (942-6852) 24 hours in advance for your reservation. (For more information on getting home-delivered meals, call 1-800-851-1454.) □

– CHURCH DIRECTORY –

ASSEMBLY OF GOD – 36572 Goddard / 941-4014 / Rev. James R. O'Guin, Pastor / Sunday Morning Worship – 11 a.m. / Sunday Evening Worship – 6:30 p.m. / Tuesday Evening Service – 7 p.m. / Thursday Youth Night – 7 p.m.

BALL ROAD TABERNACLE – 7007 Ball Rd. / 722-9638

BELLEVILLE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH – 11900 Belleville Rd. / Belleville / 697-8687 / Rev. Deborah Vanleuven Kerr, Pastor / Sunday School – 9:45 a.m. / Sunday Morning Worship – 9:30 a.m. & 11 a.m. / Craft Circle – Thursday, 9:30 a.m. / Women's Association Meeting – 2nd Tuesday of some months – 7:30 p.m.

BETHANY APOSTOLIC FAITH CHURCH – 34584 Beverly Rd. / 729-4240 / Elder Reginald Williams, Pastor / Sunday School – 9:45 a.m. / Sunday Morning Worship – 11:15 a.m. / Sunday Evening Worship – 7:30 p.m.

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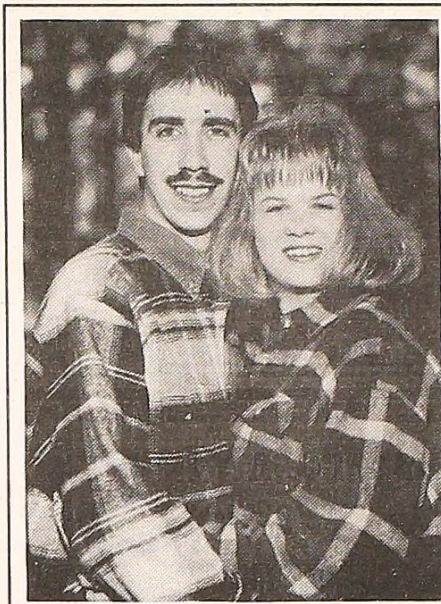
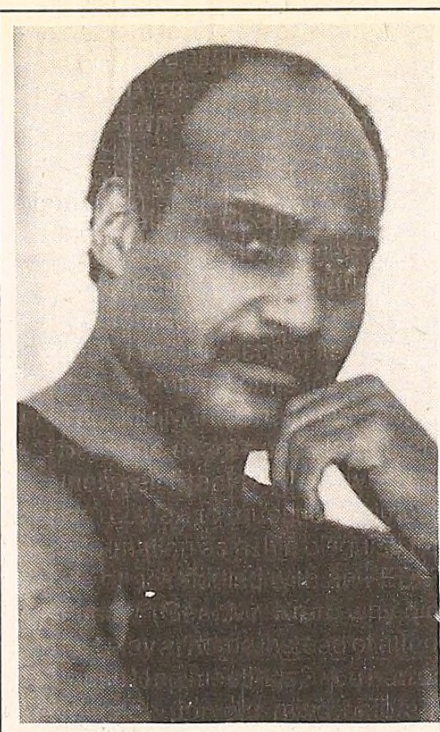
Engagement**Mark Irodenko
Carrie Corpe**

Earl and Patricia Corpe of Romulus announce the engagement of their daughter, Carrie Ruth, to Mark Steven Irodenko of New Boston, the son of Walter and Carol Irodenko of New Boston.

The couple plan to marry in October at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Carleton.

Miss Corpe is a 1989 graduate of Romulus High School and is employed by Michigan Family Physicians in Westland as a medical receptionist.

Mr. Irodenko is a 1986 graduate of Huron High School. He is employed as an inspector at Rouge Steel in Dearborn.

**Best Wishes****Houston To Compete in 3rd Annual
"Mr. Romance Cover Model Pageant"**

Fitz Houston, a 41-year-old actor/screenwriter/songwriter from Van Nuys, California, has been selected as the first contestant in the "Over-40" Division of the Third Annual Mr. Romance Cover Model Pageant. The Pageant will be held Friday, March 31, 1995, during the 13th Annual *Romantic Times* magazine Booklovers Convention, to be held in Fort Worth, Texas.

Fitz was selected by the audience of an October, 1993 *Montel Williams Show* as the "Sexiest Husband" in a competition held during the show. That experience convinced Houston to take

a shot at being named "Mr. Romance" in the Over-40 Division.

"I believe that being on the cover of a romance novel, particularly in the ethnic market, will be revealing, and will introduce a presence and physical type which has been obscured by the younger, virile look of the current romantic hero. [Readers] may find that the more mature look of *rugged masculinity* on romantic book covers [is] a hidden treasure," commented Fitz in his application for the contest.

"I think that women read romance novels because it gives them a chance to experience the relationship they would love to have," he continued, "and it gives them hope that the relationship they read about is possible in real life."

Contestants in the Mr. Romance Pageant are judged on appearance in cover-model costume, evening wear, and in Levis; on congeniality, on strength of character, and on sensitivity. The winners of the previous Mr. Romance Pageants have each appeared on the cover of a romance novel published by Kensington Publishing under its "Zebra" romance imprint, and appeared on local and National TV talk shows.

Fitz is married to Jahna Cole Houston, a radio talk show host in Van Nuys, California, and has a 12-year-old son. His father, Fitzhugh O. Houston, a former high-school football coach, is now principal of a private secondary school in the Detroit area and resides in Romulus, Michigan, with his wife Deena. □

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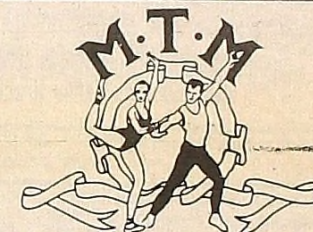
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